

Review of Kenya bird records 1992–1996

[This review effectively replaces *Scopus* issues 16 (3), 17 (3), 18 (3) and 19 (3)]

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Species categories

A: Very scarce (no Kenya records since 1979)

B: Scarce (less than 50 Kenya records)

Records of A and B species are scrutinized and all those accepted are listed here

X: Species of interest (additional to A and B categories) for which all records are invited

XR: X category species for which all records received have been listed

Additional criteria for including records

D: unusual Date

L: noteworthy Locality

A: unusual Altitude

N: noteworthy Numbers

B: special Breeding interest

M: Miscellaneous interest

A. Palaearctic species

Little Bittern *Ixobrychus m. minutus* XR

All reports: Singles ringed Ngulia 12, 14 and 16 Dec 92. Several others seen there 9–10 Dec 94 and 26 Nov 95, probably this race (NRG).

White Stork *Ciconia ciconia*

N: 300+ Ulu 2 Feb 95; 800+ Magadi Road 19 Feb 95.

350+ near Nandi Hills 18 Mar 95; 800+ Amboseli 22 Jan 96.

D: 6 Nairobi NP 6 Jun 92 and 2 on 15 Jul 92.

Black Stork *Ciconia nigra* X

Frequent reports of up to 5 birds Nairobi NP and nearby, and also records of 1–3 birds Mara, Kakamega Forest, Kericho, Hell's Gate, Lake Bogoria, Meru, Mountain Lodge, Karatina, Nyeri, Limuru, Olorgesailie, Tsavo West (Ziwani) and Aruba. An unusually late bird Mountain Lodge 8 May 93 (RB), extreme dates otherwise 2 Oct to 4 Apr.

Eurasian Wigeon *Anas penelope* X

1 Lake Nakuru NP 30 Nov 93 (BWF).

Ferruginous Duck *Aythya nyroca* B

1 Thika OPs 23 Feb 92 (TS).

Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula* B

2 ♂♂ Thika OPs 23 Feb 92 (TS).

1 Dandora 3 Jan 96 (AWC).

Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

D: 1 Lambwe Valley 22 Aug 95, presumably oversummering (TS).

Eurasian Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus* X

Reported from Mumias, Kisumu, Mfangano Island, Kakamega Forest, Kongelai, Nairobi/Langata, Thika, Namanga, Kibwezi, Ngulia and Maktau; mostly singles but 6 flew south at

Ngulia 7 Nov 94. Most records 26 Sep–15 Dec, but a few 13 Feb–21 Apr. Coast, 1 Watamu 30 Jan 95 (DF).

Montagu's Harrier *Circus pygargus*

D: Unusually early birds Suswa 24 Aug 92 (RB, AB) and Mara 5 Sep 92 (DKR).

Eurasian Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

D: Unseasonally early birds Mara GR 22 Aug 92 and 25–26 Aug 96 (up to 4) (JRM *et al.*).

Levant Sparrowhawk *Accipiter brevipes* B

1 Ololokwe 9–10 Oct 93 (ST, BDI, VK); adult ♂ Buffalo Springs 23–24 Nov 93 (BWF). Adult ♂ Ngulia 21 Nov 95 (DJP, SNP, KM) and another there 11–16 Nov 96 (DJP, CJ *et al.*).

Eurasian Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus* B

At Ngulia, singles 16 Nov 92 (BWF), 29 Nov 92 (DJP), 3 Mar 93 (BWF), 27 Nov 93 (JBo, DK, BS), 13 Nov 94 (DJP) and 16–17 Nov 94 (BWF), and an adult ♂ caught and ringed there 10 Dec 94 (DDeM, DJP, *et al.*).

Common (Steppe) Buzzard *Buteo buteo vulpinus* B

N: c. 300 moving north Moi University, Eldoret 18 Mar 95 (LL, PN, CJ *et al.*).

D: several Kisumu 26 Sep 92 (DKR).

Long-legged Buzzard *Buteo rufinus*

1 Ngulia 4 Dec 94 (CJ, LL), 1 Lake Nakuru–Lake Baringo 18 Jan 95 (DF) and 1 Ol Donyo Sabuk 2 Apr 95 (LL).

Lesser Spotted Eagle *Aquila pomarina* X

Reports from Mara, Lake Elmenteita/Lake Nakuru, Samburu, Nairobi area and Ngulia, mainly of 1–2 birds only, all 29 Oct to 26 Jan apart from 1 Samburu GR 3 Apr 94 (WGH).

Greater Spotted Eagle *Aquila clanga* B

2 immatures Lake Nakuru 27 Dec 94 (LL).

Steppe Eagle *Aquila nipalensis*

N: 200 moving south Timau 29 Oct 92 (BWF).

Imperial Eagle *Aquila heliaca* B

Juvenile birds at Ngulia 17 and 23 Nov 93 (DKR, DJP, PC, DK, BS *et al.*), and 24 Nov 95 (DJP, MACC). An adult Mariakani 18 Nov 95 (LL).

Booted Eagle *Hieraetus pennatus* X

Reported from Moi University, Mara GR, south Kerio Valley, Magadi, Hell's Gate, Lake Elmenteita, Lake Nakuru, Lake Baringo, Nyeri, Mountain Lodge, Naru Moro, Buffalo Springs, Meru NP, Limuru, Nairobi area and Tsavo NPs; mostly single birds. 2 Mara GR 16 Aug 95 (WGH); other records all between 4 Sep and 11 Apr
A dark adult caught and ringed Ngulia Lodge 9 Nov 96 (PG, GM, DJP).

Barbary Falcon *Falco pelegrinoides* B

An immature Ngulia 6 Dec 93 (DJP, PC, DK, BS *et al.*).

Eurasian Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

D: A late bird Kipsain 6 May 94 (MACC).

A late record of 3 west of the Ngong Hills 5 May 96 (SD).

Amur Falcon *Falco amurensis* X

Recorded on southward passage each year, mainly from Tsavo NPs, but also Mara GR, Kinangop, Solio Ranch, Laikipia, Lake Baringo, Nairobi, Athi Plains, Olorgesailie and Kibwezi. Most records of singles or groups of < 50, but c. 600 passed across the main ridge

at Ngulia 23 Nov 93. An exceptionally early bird Mara GR 6 Sep 93 (DKR), extreme autumn dates otherwise 2 Nov–18 Dec. On northward passage, >15 Tsavo Safari Camp 11 Apr 93, 1 Nairobi 25 Feb 94 and 3 there 13 Mar 95 (WGH).

Red-footed Falcon *Falco vespertinus* B

2 Kileleshwa, Nairobi, 13 Mar 93 (WGH).

Eleonora's Falcon *Falco eleonorae* XR

2 Karen 21 Apr 92 (DKR); 2 Timau 29 Oct 92 (BWF).

1 Ngulia 4 Nov, 1 on 5 Nov, 19 passing south on 7 Nov, 5 south 8 Nov and 2 south 11 Nov 94; also 1 south Kilaguni 9 Nov 94, and another in Tsavo West 4 Dec (DJP, JBoy, DK, GTF, LL); 11 Athi Plains 6 Nov and 1 on 21 Nov 94 (LL, CJ); 1 Laikipia 23 Nov 94 (LL). 1 near Moyale 23 Apr 95 (CJ); 2 moving south Kinangop 2 Nov and 1 on 3 Nov 95 (CJ, PN).

Sooty Falcon *Falco concolor* XR

4 Timau 29 Oct 92 (BWF).

1 Mara GR 25 Jan 93 (DKR); singles Ngulia, 14 and 15 Nov 93 (DJP *et al.*).

2 Lake Naivasha 6 Mar 94 (WGH), 1 Lake Jipe 4 Apr 94 (DKR); 2 Aberdares 22 Oct 94 (WGH), daily southward passage Ngulia 6–12 Nov 94 (maximum 10 on 10th), and singles there 1, 3 and 9 Dec 94 (DJP, JBoy, DK); also 1 Tsavo East 4 Nov (JRM).

11 flying south Ngulia 29 Oct 95 and 5 south 30 Oct 95 (GCB).

1 Ngulia 11 Nov 96 (PG).

Lesser Kestrel *Falco naumanni*

N: c. 600 roosting Solio plains near Naro Moru 9–10 Mar 93 (JRM, JC, GTF).

ND: c. 100 Solio plains near Naro Moru 8 Dec 95 (MACC).

Large numbers are unusual before the February–March dry season.

Corncrake *Crex crex* XR

Mara GR northwestern grasslands: 8 flushed by balloon 15 Apr 94 (ML), 5 flushed 22–25 Apr 94 (BWF *et al.*).

1 seen Ngulia 9 Dec 94 (DJP) and 2–3 there 16 Dec 96 (NRG).

Spotted Crake *Porzana porzana* B

4 flushed Mara GR northwestern grasslands 22–25 Apr 94 (BWF *et al.*).

Eurasian Thick-knee *Burhinus oedicnemus* XR

1 Mara GR 20 Jan 93 (DAT); 2 Meru NP 3 Nov 93 (DKR).

Black-winged Pratincole *Glareola nordmanni* B

Party of 14 Ahero Rice Scheme 20 Mar 92 (JRM, JC, GRF).

3 Musiara Swamp, Mara GR, 6 Nov 93 (BWF).

Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius* X

Records from usual inland sites from 24 Oct to 17 Apr.

L: 2 Sabaki River mouth 12 Dec 95 (LL).

Kentish Plover *Charadrius alexandrinus* B

1 El Molo Bay 1 Feb 92 (LBor).

Previous records from Lake Turkana are mainly from the western shore.

Greater Sandplover *Charadrius leschenaultii*

L: inland, 1 El Molo Bay 5 Feb and 3 9 Feb 92 (LBor).

Pacific Golden Plover *Pluvialis fulva* XR

1 Lake Baringo 26 Nov 93 (BWF).

Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

N: maximum Mida Creek in 94/95 surveys: 590 21–22 Apr 94 (JSeys *et al.*).

Northern Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus A*

A first-year bird Sabaki River mouth 7 Feb 95 (CJ, GM, LL, DAT, *et al.*) and subsequently throughout 1995 and one there (believed to have been the same bird) 24 Jul and 1 Aug 96 (JE). See *Scopus* 19: 113–114.

The first East African record(s) of this species.

Long-toed Stint *Calidris subminuta B*

1 Lake Baringo 26 Nov 93 (BWF).

1 Sabaki River mouth 11–12 Sep 96 (LL).

Sanderling *Calidris alba*

L: inland, 8 Loyengalani bay 30 Jan 92.

Red Knot *Calidris canutus B*

3 Mida Creek 2 Apr 93 (NW).

The fourth Kenyan record.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Limicola falcinellus X*

N: 9 at the usual Sabaki River mouth site 12 Dec 94, 38 on 8 Dec 95 and 74+ on 11 Sep 96 (LL, KC, LB), one of the largest Kenya counts.

L: inland, 1 Lake Elmenteita 30 Nov 95 (JRM, AM *et al.*).

Jack Snipe *Lymnocryptes minimus B*

1 Musiara Swamp, Mara GR 23 Jan 95 (DF).

Great Snipe *Gallinago media XR*

1 Madende, near Busia, 2 Nov 92 (BWF).

1 Mara GR 19 Nov 93 (SR), 2 Kisumu 30 Nov 93 (BWF).

1 Lake Naivasha 4 Nov 94 (BWF).

1 Lake Elmenteita 14 Jan 95 (LL).

Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa X*

Small numbers Ahero, Lake Naivasha, Lake Nakuru, Lake Baringo, Lake Turkana, Dandora and Amboseli. Records all months with presumed oversummering birds late May and Jul. Maximum counts from eastern Lake Turkana: 257 Yomo–Soiti 22 Jan–11 Feb 92, 303 Loyengalani–Allia Bay 22 Feb–15 Mar 93, 210 Allia Bay 13–27 Jan 96; also 80 Amboseli 8 Nov 94. (LBor, LBid).

Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

N: maximum Mida Creek in 94/95 surveys: 470 Sep 94 (JSeys *et al.*).

L: inland, 1 Dandora 14 Oct 95 (CJ).

This species is rare in inland East Africa away from Lake Victoria.

Eurasian Curlew *Numenius arquata X*

L: inland, reports from Lakes Nakuru, Elmenteita, Baringo and Victoria—mostly single birds.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus X*

Recorded only in small numbers from Ahero, Lake Nakuru, Lake Baringo and Tsavo East, Nov–Apr.

D: Oversummering birds in full breeding plumage at Lake Nakuru 25 Jun 92 (TS) and Jul 93 (BWF).

Common Redshank *Tringa totanus X*

L: inland, up to 8 Loyengalani to north of El Molo Bay late Jan–early Feb 92, and singles

El Molo Bay 28 Feb–2 Mar and Allia Bay 15 Mar 93 (LBor); 1 Ol Pejeta, Naro Moru 12 Dec 93 (WGH).

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus*

D: A rare oversummering bird Mountain Lodge 13 Jun 92 (TS).

Terek Sandpiper *Xenus cinereus* X

N: maximum Mida Creek in 94/95 surveys 250 (JSeys et al.).

L: inland, on east shore of Lake Turkana, 1 Sandy Bay 12 Feb 92 and 25 Windy Bay 21 Mar 93 (LBor et al.); 1 Lake Baringo 1 Nov 93 (BWF), 1 Lake Nakuru NP 12 Nov 93 (SR).

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

L: inland, a total of 49 Yomo–Soiti, eastern Lake Turkana, late Jan–mid Feb 92, and 35 Loyengalani–Allia Bay late Feb–mid Mar 93 (LBor et al.).

Red-necked Phalarope *Phalaropus lobatus* XR

L: inland, singles Lake Elmenteita 8 and 17 Jan 92, and c. 25 on 22 Mar (MACC).

2 Lake Elmenteita 19 Jan 93 (MACC), 1 El Molo Bay 28 Feb 93 (LBor).

1 Lewa Downs 1–14 Oct 96 (DAT).

Rafts off Malindi–Watamu area 29 Feb and c. 30 counted there 1 Mar 92 (MACC).

Many in small groups on sea off Shimoni 4 Mar 93 (PDH).

Skua sp. *Stercorarius* sp.

An adult Lake Jipe 28 Sep 96, probably Pomarine (DJP, DKR, MO).

Pomarine Skua *Stercorarius pomarinus* B

1 Sabaki River mouth 18 Dec 95 (LL, LB).

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus* B

1 Sabaki River mouth 8 Feb 95 (CJ, LL, GM, JSeys et al.).

Slender-billed Gull *Larus genei* B

2 adults Lake Nakuru 18 Feb 93 (BWF).

Gull-billed Tern *Sterna nilotica*

N: maxima in Mida Creek 94/95 surveys: 220 Jan 94, 230 Dec 94 (JSeys et al.).

Sandwich Tern *Sterna sandvicensis* XR

4 Sabaki River mouth 23 Oct 92 and 2 on 20 Nov (JHF, IR).

1 Sabaki River mouth 18 Dec 96 (LL).

Eurasian Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

N: Influx of hundreds Sokoke Forest Apr 92 (JHF).

D: 10+ Nairobi NP 1 May 96 were unusually late (R&AB).

Asian Lesser Cuckoo *Cuculus poliocephalus* XR

Common in Sokoke Forest during passage influx 8–27 Apr 92 (JHF). No other records received.

Eurasian Scops Owl *Otus scops* XR

1 Lake Elmenteita 24–29 Jan 92 (MACC).

Singles caught and ringed at Ngulia Lodge 17 Nov 95 and 6, 8 and 11 Dec 96 (GCB et al.).

Eurasian Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus* X

Exceptionally good years at Ngulia Lodge in 1993 (96 ringed, mostly 13–28 Nov) and 1995 (104 ringed, mostly 15–24 Nov) (NRG).

Eurasian Swift *Apus apus*

ND: 1000–1500 flew south North Kinangop 29 Sep 95 (CJ).

Eurasian Bee-eater *Merops apiaster*

D: 2 late birds Karen 13 May 92 (DKR).

Many Ranganga, Kisii, on the early date of 30 Aug 96 (OM).

Eurasian Roller *Coracias garrulus*

M: 100+ grounded in heavy rain Ngulia Lodge night of 9/10 Dec 93, and 30 of them caught and ringed before dawn 10th (NRG).

Hoopoe *Upupa e. epops* XR

1 Siana Springs 3 Dec 94 (BWF)—first record for the Mara.

An early bird Tsavo West NP 27 Sep 96 (DJP).

Elsewhere, Palaearctic birds recorded Lake Elmenteita, Lake Baringo, Barseloi, Rumuruti, Buffalo Springs and Ngulia.

Eurasian Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* B

1 Barita Sisal Estate, north of Menengai, 20–27 Jan and 2–12 Feb 92 (IM).

1 Island Camp, Lake Baringo, 20–21 Dec 96 (WGH).

Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea* X

D: Early birds Lewa Downs 20 Sep 92 and Kakamega Forest 25 Sep 92 (DKR), and 1 Ngulia 25 Sep 96 (DJP).

L: 1 Mzima Springs 18 Nov 93.

Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

D: A very late bird Lake Naivasha 12 May 95 (SD).

Rufous Bush Chat *Cercotrichas galactotes* X

L: 1 Langata 8 Oct 95 (LL, WBW). This species was not recorded in the Nairobi area before 1992.

Irania *Irania gutturalis* X

10+ Samburu GR 3 Apr (WGH) were probably on passage.

L: Away from usual areas, 1 Lake Nakuru 10 Jan 92, 1 Lake Baringo 21 Dec 96, 1 Langata 29 Nov 95 and up to 6 Nairobi/Langata 30 Oct–23 Nov 96.

Common Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus* XR

1 Lake Elmenteita 8 Nov 93 (MACC).

Birds caught and ringed Ngulia 29 Oct and 25 Dec 95 (GCB *et al.*).**Black-eared Wheatear *Oenanthe hispanica* B**

1 Lake Baringo 2 Dec 94 (SR).

*The second Kenyan record.***Desert Wheatear *Oenanthe deserti* B**

1 Kerio Valley 18 Oct 96 (ALA).

*The second Kenyan record.***Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca* A**Back record: 1 Kakamega Forest (specimen) 8 Dec 1965 (ADFW), see *Scopus* 20: 46–48.*The first record of the species for Kenya.***Semi-collared Flycatcher *Ficedula semitorquata* XR**

1 Oloololo 7 Nov 92, several Sabaringo Valley 8 Nov 93, and 1 Siana Springs 3 Dec 94 (BWF).

A ♂ at 1500 m in southern Kerio Valley 6–7 Mar 92 (NW, VGW).

River Warbler *Locustella fluviatilis* X

L: 1 ringed Athi River (Hopcraft Ranch) 22 Nov 94 (LL, CJ).

Basra Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus griseldis* X

L: away from Ngulia: 1 Aruba 19 Feb 92 and 3 on 27 Mar 93 (R&AB).

Upcher's Warbler *Hippolais languida* X

D: late birds Lake Baringo 29 Apr 94 (WGH) and on coast at Karawa 19 Apr (JHF, TS).

L: 1 Nairobi NP 28 Dec 96 (CJ).

Olive-tree Warbler *Hippolais olivetorum* X

L: away from Ngulia: 1 Mara Serena 21 Mar 92 (GTF).

1 Amboseli 6 Apr 92 (DKR).

1 Siana Springs, Mara GR 30 Jan 95 (L&VL, KC, LB).

Icterine Warbler *Hippolais icterina* XR

A few wintering at Siana Springs, Mara GR, at beginning and end of 1993 (BWF).

1 Maralal 27 Nov 93 (JB).

2 Lake Baringo 30 Oct 94 (BWF), 1 Nairobi 15 Nov 94 (LL).

1 caught and ringed Ngulia Lodge 27 Nov 95 (DJP, GCB *et al.*).

Melodious Warbler *Hippolais polyglotta* A

1 caught, ringed and photographed at Ngulia Lodge 19 Nov 95 (DJP, CJ, GCB *et al.*); see *Scopus* 20: 43–45.

The first properly documented East African record.

Barred Warbler *Sylvia nisoria* X

L: 1 southern Kerio Valley 29 Nov 92 (NW, VGW).

Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix* B

1 The Ark 11 Apr 93 (WGH).

1 Blue Posts, Thika 13 Jan 95 (DF).

1 ringed Ngulia 25 Dec 95 (GCB *et al.*).

Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita* B

1 singing Lake Jipe 30 Jan 96 (DF).

Lesser Grey Shrike *Lanius minor*

D: Autumn birds in southern Kerio Valley, 29 Sep and 31 Oct 92 (NW, VGW), and at Nairobi NP 22 Oct 93, Langata 1 Nov 95 and Buffalo Springs 23 Nov 94.

Perhaps the first September record for East Africa.

Masked Shrike *Lanius nubicus* B

An adult joined a first winter bird at Lake Baringo, Dec 91–Jan 92 (HG).

An adult south Kerio Valley 31 Oct 92 (NW, VGW).

1 Lake Naivasha mid-Mar 94 (TS).

Eurasian Golden Oriole *Oriolus oriolus*

D: 2 at Lewa Downs 29 Sep 92—an early date (DKR).

Ortolan Bunting *Emberiza hortulana* B

1 Ngulia 14 Nov 93 (SR, MO *et al.*).

The third Kenyan record.

B. Afrotropical and oceanic species

Common Ostrich *Struthio camelus*

L: Lake Nakuru NP 9–10 Oct 93 (IM, HM, AMK).

Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus* B

2 pairs and young east of Donyo Sabuk late Feb 93, 1 Kimani Mbae dam, North Kinangop 9 Apr 93 (JW).

2–6 (Oloidien) Lake Naivasha 26 Jun and 24 Oct 94 (WGH).

2 incubating at Sergioit Hill dam 4 Oct 95 (MACC).

1 ♂ Bolosat 2 Nov 96 (MACC).

Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis* X

N: 1000+ Lake Bogoria 28 Dec 94, 200 21 Dec 96 (WGH).

>60 Lake Bogoria 24 Oct 93 (R&AB).

Shy Albatross *Diomedea cauta* B

One caught on fishing bait off Shimoni 5 Oct 93 and another juvenile seen (PDH).

Wedge-tailed Shearwater *Puffinus pacificus* B

1993: 1 seen Shimoni 12 Jul (PDH); 1 15 Dec (SCH); 1 23 Dec.

Southerly movement off reef, Watamu 30 May 94 involved minimum of 8, maximum of 32 individuals (WGH); 2, 10 km off Malindi 11 Dec 94 (LL).

Audubon's Shearwater *Puffinus lherminieri* XR

1, 10 km off Malindi 11 Dec 94 (LL).

Wilson's Storm-petrel *Oceanites oceanicus* B

1 Shimoni 12 Oct 96 (PDH).

Black-bellied Storm-petrel *Fregetta tropica* B

1 found dead (but not preserved) near Malindi 5 Jun 94 (JSt).

White-tailed Tropic-bird *Phaethon lepturus* XR

1 Kisite Island 20 Jan 92 (DAT).

1 Pemba Channel 14 Sep 93 (PDH); 1 Sep and 6 Oct 96, Pemba Channel, off Shimoni (SCH, PDH).

Great White Pelican *Pelecanus onocrotalus*

B: breeding Lake Elmenteita until Jan–Feb 92 (MACC).

Masked Booby *Sula dactylatra* XR

Several Shimoni Feb 92, including 1 adult; 8 on 25 Aug, 4 on 26 Aug, 1 10 Oct 92 (PDH).

Immature in a Watamu garden after storm 19 Mar 92, adult picked up 21 Mar (per JRM).

1 Pemba Channel 14 Sep 96 (PDH).

Brown Booby *Sula leucogaster* B

An adult Shimoni 16 Sep 93 (SCH).

African Darter *Anhinga rufa* X

Records of 1–2 from Nairobi, Kisumu, Lake Nakuru NP, Lake Naivasha, Lake Baringo, Mathew's Range, Nanyuki, Buffalo Springs, Mzima Springs, Bura Dam (Taita Hills), Lake Jipe.

20+ Mwea GR 25 Mar 95 (WGH).

Adult and 2 juveniles Ukunda Lake 16 Aug 96 (JRM).

Greater Frigatebird *Fregata minor* B

1 immature 2–3 km up Kilifi Creek 30 Aug–6 Sep 92 (TS, JHF).

Lesser Frigatebird *Fregata ariel* B

1 ♂ Malindi 30 Dec 94 (DAT).

Shoebill *Balaeniceps rex* A

A sub-adult Musiara swamp, northwestern Mara GR Sep–Nov 94, and (presumably the same bird) Amboseli NP Dec 94 to Oct 95 (many observers).

Dwarf Bittern *Ixobrychus sturmii* XR

1 Marich 22 Apr 92 (MACC, MWW, BW).

1 Lake Elmenteita 26 Jul 93 (MACC).

1 Ngulia 12 Dec 94 (DJP *et al.*).

1 Karissa Hills 12 Jun 96 (MACC, ALA, DAT), 1 Ngulia 12 Dec 96 (WGH).

White-backed Night Heron *Gorsachius leuconotus* XR

1 Mida Creek mangroves early Sep 92 (NA).

2 Nairobi NP 29 May and 16 Dec 94 (FN, R&AB).

2 (immature and sub-adult) Thika (Blue Posts) 21–24 Oct 94 (BWF).

Black-crowned Night Heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

N: >25 Aruba 1 Jan 92 (JB).

c. 100 Githangi Dam, El Joro Orok 31 Oct 92 (MACC).

Western Reef Heron *Egretta gularis* XR

1 grey morph Lake Elmenteita 15 Nov 92 (MACC).

East side Lake Turkana, 92: 1 north of El Molo Bay 30 Jan and 2 Mar; 1 Soiti 11 Feb and 2 Mar; 1 El Molo Bay 5 Feb, 1 south of Loyengalani Bay 24 Feb (LBor, MAAC, DAT, DAZ).

2 light phase Tiwi beach 26 May 96 (WGH).

Madagascar Squacco Heron *Ardeola idae* XR

Nairobi NP Aug, Limuru 17 Jul 92 (BWF).

1 Lewa Downs 17 Aug 93 (DKR).

1 Nairobi NP 6 May (DAT) and 5 Jun 94 (JO, YMC).

1 Nairobi 3 Sep 95 (LL).

Rufous-bellied Heron *Ardeola rufiventris* X

Up to 10 reported regularly Musiara Swamp, Mara GR, Jan 92–Apr 94 (BWF *et al.*); c. 4 pairs breeding Apr 94 (MO).

2–3 Lake Baringo 30 Oct and 1, 27 Nov 94 (BWF).

2 Ahero Rice Scheme 22 Jan 95 (DF).

Abdim's Stork *Ciconia abdimii*

D: 10 Kisumu 29 Jul 92 (BWF).

N: immense flock of c. 3500 over Kichwa Tembo, NW Mara GR 21 Mar 92, then c. 2000 near Mara Serena same day (part of same flock?) (JRM *et al.*).

70+ Magadi Road 19 Feb 95 (R&AB).

100+ soaring W, Maseno, 21 Jan 96 (JA).

30 Lambwe valley 6 Nov 96, increasing to 500+ on 12th (TS).

Greater Flamingo *Phoenicopterus (ruber) roseus*

M: c. 12 flying east at sea off Shimoni 24 Jun 94 (SCH).

N: maximum count Mida Creek during 1994/95 surveys 192 mid-Mar 94 (JSeys *et al.*).

Lesser Flamingo *Phoeniconaias minor*

LN: coast: flocks apparently now frequent Sabaki estuary where no records of large numbers prior to 1985; counts include: 850 on 13 Sep 94 (JSeys *et al.*) and c. 500 28 Aug 96 (GTF *et al.*); also, Back record: 1000+ 26 Jan 1988 (JRM, JLCG).

Southern Pochard *Netta erythrophthalma*

L: at coast: 2 Lake Jilore 26 Jul 92 (JHF).

African Cuckoo Hawk *Aviceda cuculoides* X

Reports from Nairobi (Jan–Apr), Aberdares (Oct, Apr), Mountain Lodge (Nov), Lake Naivasha (Jun), Mara GR (Aug–Oct) and north coast (Aug, Sep).

Bat Hawk *Macheiramphus alcinus* X

Reported from Lake Baringo, Nairobi, Nyeri, Naru Moro, Mwea, Meru NP, Lamu and Mombasa.

African Swallow-tailed Kite *Chelictinia riocourii* X

Unusual numbers in central Kenya 92–93:

Several reports of small groups Mweiga–Solio–Naru Moro area Jan 92–Mar 93, and a large roost of c. 250 southern edge of Solio Ranch 9–10 Mar (JRM, JC, GTF); 8 Buffalo Springs 10–12 Mar 92 (DKR); up to 15 together Meru NP 12–13 Mar 93 (JRM JC, GTF).

Singles Buffalo Springs 14 Sep and 27 Oct 94 (DKR, BWF) and Tsavo East NP 29 Jul 96 (JE); 6 Lake Nakuru NP 14 Jan 96 (I&HM).

Lammergeier *Gypaetus barbatus* X

L: 1 Ol Tukai, Amboseli 16 Mar 93 (DA).

African Marsh Harrier *Circus ranivorus* X

Records from Kericho, Lake Baringo, Aberdares, Nairobi, Dandora, and Magadi.

Little Sparrowhawk *Accipiter minullus*

L: 1 Aruba Dam 21 Aug 96 (JRM *et al.*).

Ovambo Sparrowhawk *Accipiter ovampensis* B

1 Mara GR 24 Jan 94 (DF), 3 Sabaringo valley, Olololo scarp 15 Sep 94 (BWF).

Grasshopper Buzzard *Butastur rufipennis* X

Usual scattering of Nov–Dec records from SE Kenya; also, common Kilaguni area 11 Apr 94 (DKR).

Mountain Buzzard *Buteo oreophilus*

L: recorded Ngangao, Chawia and Mbololo forests, Taita Hills, Jul–Aug 96 (THP)—first records from the Taita Hills.

African Hawk-Eagle *Hieraetus spilogaster*

L: coast record: pair Msambweni 15 Aug 96 (JRM *et al.*).

Ayres's Hawk-Eagle *Hieraetus ayresii*

L: 1 Malindi 6 Jul 92 (TS).

1 Ngulia 17 Dec 96 (ND, CJ).

Blue Quail *Coturnix adansonii* B

1 Sand River, Mara GR, 21 Mar 93 (MACC).

♂ found dead Maseno 30 Jul 93 (JA).

♂ found dead Ngulia Lodge 5 Nov 96 (PG, GM).

Ring-necked Francolin *Francolinus streptophorus* B

3 adults with 4 juveniles 3 km S of Kanyarkwat, northeastern Mt Elgon 24 Sep 93 (MACC, DAT).

Moorland Francolin *Francolinus psilolaemus* X

Common at 3200 m in alpine moorland above Timau around Lake Rutundu 8–9 Nov 96 (DAT).

Quail-plover *Ortyxelos meiffrenii* XR

1 Buffalo Springs 2 Jan 93 (DKR); 1 Nairobi NP 2 Apr 95 (WGH), 1 Mara GR 16 Aug 95 (WGH), 1 Tsavo East (Sala track) 13 Sep 95 (JHF).

Back record: 3 pairs resident near Kitani, Tsavo West NP Mar–Nov 91; also 1, 20 km SW of Kitani Sep 91 (RG) (see also *Scopus* 18: 51–52).

Black-rumped Button-quail *Turnix hottentotta* B

Saiwa 9–10 Oct 93 (CW, SN, MW, JI).

White-spotted Flufftail *Sarothrura pulchra* X

L: recorded Madende Creek throughout 92 (TS).

African Crake *Crex egregia* X

4+ flushed by balloon Mara GR 24 Apr 94 (BWF)
2 Lavington, Nairobi 5 Jul 95 (DAT).

Baillon's Crake *Porzana pusilla* XR

1 Gethumbwini, Thika, 9 May 93 (R&AB), 2 Musiara swamp, Mara GR 17 Aug 93 (MO).
2 Ahero Rice Scheme 21 Jan 96 (DF).

Allen's Gallinule *Porphyrio allenii* X

B: 2 with 2 immatures, Lake Naivasha 26 Jun 96 (WGH).

Lesser Moorhen *Gallinula angulata*

M: singles caught and ringed at night Ngulia, 28 Nov (adult) and 29 Nov (juvenile) 94 (NRG).

Grey Crowned Crane *Balearica regulorum*

N: 250–300 together at Malaba/Kitale junction 19 Nov 95 (DB).

African Finfoot *Podica senegalensis* X

L: 1 Ramisi River 21 Oct 92 (PW).
1 Mara River 19–20 Nov 93 (SR).
1 Thika (Chania–Thika R confluence) 1 May 95 (LD, EVB).

Denham's Bustard *Neotis denhami jacksoni* XR

2 near Aitong 4 Nov 92 (AL).
Singles Solio Ranch 15 Jan 96, Losiolo, near Maralal 24 Jan and 14 Jun 96 (MACC, DH).

Lesser Jacana *Microparra capensis* XR

Records of 1–2 birds Kisumu Yacht Club, Lake Baringo, Lake Naivasha and Ol Punita, Mara GR.
10+ Amboseli 30 May 93 (WGH).

Crab Plover *Dromas ardeola*

DN: 65 Mida Creek 5 Jul—presumably oversummering (TS).
N: highest counts at Mida Creek: 800 late Jan 94, 666 Dec 94, 644 19 Dec 95 (JSeys *et al.*, LL, KC, LB).

Senegal Thick-knee *Burhinus senegalensis* X

N: 80 Molo River mouth, Lake Baringo 27 Nov (BWF).

Violet-tipped Courser *Rhinoptilus chalcopterus* XR

1 Lake Jipe 25 Mar 93 (R&AB); several at night near Emali 18 Aug 93 (DKR).

Collared Pratincole *Glareola pratincola*

An immature caught and ringed Ngulia Lodge 16 Nov 93 (NRG) was the first for the site.

Chestnut-banded Plover *Charadrius pallidus*

L: 1 Amboseli NP 16 Nov 93 (DKR).

Blacksmith x Spur-winged Plover hybrid *Vanellus armatus x spinosus*

1 Lake Nakuru NP 6 Mar 93 (DKR).

Spur-winged Plover *Vanellus spinosus*

L: 2 Mara GR 25 Jan 93 (BWF).

White-cheeked Tern *Sterna repressa* X

N: 200+ Tiwi Beach 26 May 96 (WGH).

Bridled Tern *Sterna anaethetus* X

Within reef: 51 moving south in small parties Watamu 30 May 94.

1 Nyali Beach 4 Jun 95 (WGH).

Sooty Tern *Sterna fuscata* X

Within reef: 12 moving south Watamu 30 May 95 (WGH).

B: 30 Kisite Island in Roseate Tern *S. dougallii* colony—possibly breeding, 14 Aug 96 (JRM *et al.*); common around Kisite and in Pemba Channel 12 Oct 96.

Brown Noddy *Anous stolidus* X

Within reef: 1 resting Malindi beach 9 Dec 94 (LL).

6 Whale Island on coral cliffs 18 Aug 96 (JRM *et al.*).

African Skimmer *Rynchops flavirostris* X

N: c. 100 Alia Bay, Lake Turkana, 27 Jan 94 (MACC).

Blue-spotted Wood Dove *Turtur afer*

L: 1 Lake Elmenteita 25 Jun 92 (MACC).

Eastern Bronze-naped Pigeon *Columba delegorguei*

L: 1 Mara GR 9–10 Oct 93 (ES, PM, NLM, DAT).

Grey Parrot *Psittacus erithacus* X

6 over Rondo, Kakamega Forest 29 May 93 and 14–16 Oct 93 (JB, WO).

Brown Parrot *Poicephalus meyeri*

L: 1 Nairobi NP 21 Jul 93 (BWF), another 10 Oct 93 (YMC).

Further records from Nairobi including birds in city gardens Nov–Dec 96 (per CJ) probably involved escapes.

Red-headed Lovebird *Agapornis pullarius* X

L: small numbers Sio River and Madende Creek 93 (BWF).

Yellow-collared Lovebird *Agapornis personatus*

L: Birds Tsavo East NP and Malindi 9–10 Oct 93 were presumably feral.

Purple-crested Turaco *Tauraco porphyreolophus* XR

2+ Karen (Olulua) Jan and Jun 92 (DKR), Mua Hills Feb and Nov 92 (BWF).

Thika (Blue Posts) 20 Nov 93 and 21 Oct 94 (BWF).

Bare-faced Go-away-bird *Corythaixoides personatus*

L: 4+ near Suswa 17 Aug 92 (DKR).

1 Hell's Gate, Lake Naivasha, Apr 93 (G&DI).

Black-and-white Cuckoo *Oxylophus jacobinus*

Regular and common in Tsavo area mid Nov–Jan. Elsewhere, reported in west from Ruma NP, Endebess, Cheranganis, Kongelai, Marich, Lokichar and Lokori (all Apr–May) and Kanyarkwat (Oct); in central Kenya at Lake Elmenteita (Mar), Lake Bogoria (May), Nairobi (Jun, Nov) and Kimana Lodge (Apr); and on coast at Sokoke Forest (Apr) and Shimba Hills (Oct).

Levaillant's Cuckoo *Oxylophus levaillantii* X

Records received from Aberdares [The Ark] (Jan), Ruma NP (Apr), Koru (Nov), Mara GR (Jan–Feb), Lake Nakuru (Apr, Jul), Lake Elmenteita (May–Aug) and Lake Naivasha (Mar, Jun, Jul).

Great Spotted Cuckoo *Clamator glandarius* X

Records received from Sergoit (Mar), Mara GR (Mar), Lake Baringo (Jul), Rongai (Feb), Lake Naivasha (Dec), Nairobi NP (Nov), Lukenya (Mar) and Tsavo West NP (Nov–Dec), including an adult ringed Ngulia 1 Dec 95.

The bias of records towards the Palaearctic wintering season is intriguing.

Thick-billed Cuckoo *Pachycoccyx audeberti* X

L: Maluganji Forest, south coast 1 Dec 92 (JHF, DN, LAB).

4 Marafa Forest 19 Jul 94 (DAT, DN).

In *Brachystegia* woodland N of Sabaki River 14–17 Nov 95.

Black Cuckoo *Cuculus clamosus* X

Many records SE Kenya Nov–Dec (including one caught and ringed at night at Ngulia Lodge 8 Dec 96 [NRG]); also in the west at Ruma NP, Kakamega Forest, Saiwa, Kongelai, Marich and Cheranganis (Mar–May); and central Kenya at Maralal/Karissia Hills (Jun), Bauwa (Jun), Lake Baringo and Rongai (Mar), Lake Elmenteita (all months), Lake Naivasha (May), Burguret (Mar–Jun, Nov–Jan), Samburu (Aug) and Nyeri (Jan, Apr).

Red-chested Cuckoo *Cuculus solitarius*

L: E Kenya record: 1 calling and seen Kilifi 8–16 Apr 93 (NWill).

African Cuckoo *Cuculus gularis* X

Records received from Kanyarkwat (NE Mt Elgon) (Oct), Mara GR (Apr), Lake Nakuru (Apr), Lake Elmenteita (Apr–Oct), Rongai (Mar–Apr), Lake Naivasha (May, Jun, Oct), Olorgesailie (Jun), Nairobi (Jan, Mar) and Nyeri (Apr).

Yellowbill *Ceuthmochares aereus*

L: 1 Meru forest 22 Nov 94 (BWF); 1 City Park, Nairobi 15 Sep 96 (FN).

M: (race *australis*): caught Ngulia at night 12 Nov 96 (NRG).

African Grass Owl *Tyto capensis* XR

1 eating frogs in puddle on track, Lake Nakuru NP 17 Apr 93 (WGH).

1 Kanyarkwat, NE Mt Elgon, 24 Sep 93 (MACC, DAT).

Pel's Fishing Owl *Scotopelia peli* B

1 on nest Mara River Mar–Apr 94 (ML, BWF).

2 Rojewero River, Meru NP 1–3 Jun 95 (DKR).

Nubian Nightjar *Caprimulgus nubicus* XR

4 ringed at Ngulia 14 Nov–11 Dec 96—the first there since 1987 (NRG).

Pennant-winged Nightjar *Macrodipteryx vexillarius* XR

2 ♂♂ Kamyarkwat 13 Jul 93 (MACC), 1 there 20 Sep (MS).

Standard-winged Nightjar *Macrodipteryx longipennis* B

1 Rusinga Island airstrip 6 Jul 92 (JB).

Sabine's Spinetail *Rhaphidura sabini* XR

2 Kakamega Forest 22 Jun 92 (TS).

First records from Kakamega since the early 1980s.

Scarce Swift *Schoutedenapus myoptilus* X

50+ roosting in cliffs, Mt Kenya, above Timau at Lake Rutundu, 3200 m 8–9 Nov 96 (DAT).

Brown-hooded Kingfisher *Halcyon albiventris*

L: 1 Lake Nakuru NP 20 Jan 92 (DKR).

2 below Blue Posts Hotel, Thika 13 Jan 95 (DF), 1 Karatina 24 Jun 95 (R&AB).

Woodland Kingfisher *Halcyon senegalensis*

L: pair at nest-hole, South Ewaso Nyiru River, Olkiramatian Ranch 6 Jun 93 (JB, PNB).

Blue-breasted Kingfisher *Halcyon malimbica* A

2 Sio River 29 Nov 93 and on several later dates to Jul 96 (BWF, TS, DAT).

First records for Kenya.

Half-collared Kingfisher *Alcedo semitorquata* B

- 1 Nkurumini River, Shimba Hills NR, 1–19 Jan and 12 Oct 96 (FA).
1 Kanderi Swamp, Tsavo East NP, 4 Jun 95 (LL).

Shining Blue Kingfisher *Alcedo quadribrachys* B

- 1 Kerenget Dam 20 Jun 92 (TS); 1 Madende Creek 13 Oct 92 (IR).
1 Alupe 9 Oct 93 (DKR).

Somali Bee-eater *Merops revoilii*

- L: 1 Tsavo Safari Camp 1 Jun 92 (R&AB).
Near Mzima Springs 18 Nov 93 (DKR).

Abyssinian Roller *Coracias abyssinica* X

- L: 1 Lake Baringo 31 Oct 93 (BWF).

Lilac-breasted Roller *Coracias caudata lorti*

- L: southern records: 1 Lake Bogoria 26 Jan 92, 1 Lake Nakuru NP 11–12 Jan 92 (FN, KWWG).
1 Buffalo Springs 23 Nov 94 (BWF).

Abyssinian Ground Hornbill *Bucorvus abyssinicus* X

- L: present and photographed at Ileret Jun 96 (EJN).

Grey-throated Barbet *Gymnobucco bonapartei*

- L: present Chemorogok forest, Eldama Ravine, 13–15 Oct 95 (LAB, EW, PGG).

White-eared Barbet *Stactolaema leucotis*

- L: 1 Mountain Lodge 10 Mar 92 (DKR).

Brown-breasted Barbet *Lybius melanopterus*

- L: 3 Taita foothills 2 Jul 92 (TS).
1 Ziwani Camp, Taveta 6 Oct 96.

Yellow-billed Barbet *Trachylaemus purpuratus*

- L: present Chemorogok forest, Eldama Ravine, 13–15 Oct 95 (LAB, EW, PGG).

Red-and-yellow Barbet *Trachyphonus erythrocephalus*

- L: up to 5 Nairobi (Thika Road) Jul–Oct (JRPC).

Pallid Honeyguide *Indicator meliphaeus* XR

- 1 Sokoke Forest 3 Apr 92 (JHF).

Brown-backed Woodpecker *Picoides obsoletus* X

- Records from Lolgorigen, Cheptuya, Kamyarkwat, Saiwa, Nyeri, Nairobi and Kiambu.

African Broadbill *Smithornis capensis* X

- L: Chemorogok forest, Eldama Ravine, 25 Oct–3 Nov 95 (EW, PGG, TI).
1 plus 1 heard Kakamega Forest 20 Jan 96 (DF).

African Pitta *Pitta angolensis* XR

- An adult Jadini Forest 17 Oct 93 (JB).

- 1 netted Kaya Kinondo May/Jun 94 (EW).

- 1 Sokoke Forest 30 Jun 95 (DN).

Williams's Lark *Mirafra williamsi* XR

- 2 Shaba GR (10 km E of Lodge) 29–30 Jan 92; c. 5 Dida Galgalu and c. 5, 110 km N of Marsabit, 1 Feb 92 (MACC, DAT, DAZ).

Friedmann's Lark *Mirafra pulpa* XR

- In Dec 92, an influx to Tsavo West NP; calling and displaying birds in two recently burnt areas, c. 4 km NE of Kilaguni (c. 150 birds estimated) and midway between Mtito Andei

and Kilaguni (20+ birds) first noted 2 Dec (DJP, SPR, DAT).
1 caught and ringed at night, Ngulia Lodge 4 Dec 93 (NRG).

Banded Martin *Riparia cincta*

L: coast: observed N of Sabaki River 14–17 Nov 95 (TMB, DN, CDS).

Mascarene Martin *Phedina borbonica* B

200+ roosting with Plain Martins *Riparia paludicola* Lake Jipe 18 Jun 93 (MO).

Blue Swallow *Hirundo atrocaerulea* XR

At Madende Creek, 4 on 24 Jun and 10 on 29 Jul 92, 6 on 14 Jul 93 (TS, BWF).
c. 6 Ruma NP 29 Apr 92 (MACC).

Golden Pipit *Tmetothylacus tenellus*

L: 1 Lake Elmenteita with a movement of shrikes 16 Apr 93 (MACC).

M: singles caught and ringed Ngulia 24 Nov 93; 20 Nov 95; 20 Nov 96, 7 Dec 96, 14 Dec 96.

Malindi Pipit *Anthus melindae* X

L: c. 5 Sabaki River estuary 1 Aug 96 (JE).

Bush Pipit *Anthus caffer* XR

Singles Siana Springs 5 Nov and 3 Dec 94 (BWF).

1 Nairobi NP, 4 Jan 96 (KC, LB).

Sokoke Pipit *Anthus sokokensis* X

L: Mkongani forest, Shimba Hills, 24–27 Oct 92 (NMK).

In *Brachystegia* woodland N of Sabaki River 14–17 Nov 95 (TMB, DN, CDS).

Zanzibar Sombre Greenbul *Andropadus importunus*

L: Kiambu Forest 22 Oct 92 (JRPC).

Grey-olive Greenbul *Phyllastrephus cerviniventris* X

L: 1–4 frequently in 92 Kiambu Forest (JRPC).

Yellow-bellied Greenbul *Chlorocichla flaviventris*

L: 1 Mtito Andei 1 Jun 92 (R&AB).

1 Meru Forest 13 Mar 94 (BWF).

Hinde's Babbler *Turdoides hindei* X

L: 1 Timau JCT. 25 Oct 94 (BWF).

3 Karatina 25 Jun 95 (R&AB); 4 Nzambini, Kitui 29 Nov 95 (DM).

Red-capped Robin-Chat *Cossypha natalensis*

L: Kibwezi forest Feb 94 (YMC); caught Ngulia Lodge Nov–Dec in 94 (2), 95 (2) and 96 (5); Chemorogok forest, Eldama Ravine, 25 Oct–3 Nov 95 (EW, PGG, TI).

Red-tailed Chat *Cercomela familiaris*

L: 1 Siana Springs, Mara GR, 17 Jul 93 (BWF), 2–3 pairs resident on Olololoo Escarpment, northwestern Mara GR (DAT).

Bare-eyed Thrush *Turdus tephronotus*

L: S of Ngong Hills 6 Feb 93; Lake Baringo and Maragat 27 Nov 93 (BWF).

Orange Ground Thrush *Zoothera gurneyi*

L: pair Kieni Forest 19 Nov 93 (BWF).

Gambaga Flycatcher *Muscicapa gambagae* XR

1 Kerio Valley (Tambach road) 24 Jul 92 (BWF).

1 Kerio Valley below Kibiono 12 Jul, 1 Nov 93 (BWF).

1 caught and ringed Ngulia Lodge 26 Nov 95 (NRG).

Evergreen Forest Warbler *Bradypterus lopezi*

L: Chemorogok Forest, Eldama Ravine, 13–15 Oct 95 (LAB, EW, PGG).

Whistling Cisticola *Cisticola lateralis* B

Kakamega Forest (glade opposite Rondo) 21 Jul and 25 Aug 96 (JE, MP, ND).

Foxy Cisticola *Cisticola troglodytes* XR

Kanyarukwat, northeastern Mt Elgon, Sep–Oct 93 (DAT, MACC, MS), several resident in the area.

Boran Cisticola *Cisticola bodessa* XR

Several pairs resident in 92 on scarp below Tambach (TS).

Black-collared Apalis *Apalis pulchra*

L: 1 Eburru Hills forest 30 Jan 94 (JB).

Somali Long-billed Crombec *Sylvietta isabellina* X

L: 1 Tsavo East NP (Voi) 3 Jul 92 (TS); an adult caught and ringed Ngulia 1 Dec 92 (NRG).

Green Crombec *Sylvietta virens* XR

Present and singing during 93 at Madende Creek, Sio River and Adingosi River (BWF).

African Penduline Tit *Anthoscopus caroli* X

Recorded Lambwe Valley and Mara GR (Siana Springs), race *sharpii*, Elburgon, Lake Elmenteita, Thika, Nairobi and Tsavo West NP. A record at Kanyarukwat 9–10 Oct 93 presumably refers to the race *rocattii*.

Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher *Trochocercus cyanomelas*

L: Meru Forest 30 Jun, 29 Oct (immature) and 24 Nov 93 (BWF).

Langata, Nairobi, 11 Aug and 10–14 Sep 94 (PF, MF).

Fairly common Sagalla, Mwabira and Ronge forests, Jul–Aug 96 (THP).

Black-and-white Flycatcher *Bias musicus* XR

1 ♂ Busia border post 2 Jul 92 (ADFW).

Pair resident Meru Forest 93 (BWF).

Pale Batis *Batis soror*

L: pair Msambweni 18 Oct 92 (JB)

Black-headed Batis *Batis minor*

L: 1 ringed Ngulia Lodge 13 Nov 96 (PG *et al.*).

Black-throated Wattle-eye *Platysteira peltata*

L: 2 ♂♂ Eburru Hills forest 30 Jan 94 (JB).

Resident in 94 at Portman Bridge (Malewa River) (MACC).

Small numbers Sagalla, Taita Hills, Jul 96 (THP).

Grey-crested Helmet-shrike *Prionops plumatus* XR

4–11 Siana Springs, Mara GR, throughout 93

Chestnut-fronted Helmet-shrike *Prionops scopifrons*

L: Parties Meru Forest 18 Jul 92, 20 Jul 93 and 25 Nov 93 (BWF).

Red-naped Bush-shrike *Laniarius ruficeps* X

L: 1 caught and ringed Ngulia Lodge 18 Nov 95 (NRG).

Pringle's Puff-back *Dryoscopus pringlii*

L: 1 S of Ngong Hills 6 Feb 93 (BWF).

Singles ringed Ngulia Lodge 3 and 4 Dec 93 and 6 Nov 94 (NRG).

Red-shouldered Cuckoo-shrike *Campetheria phoenicea*

L: Seen Madende Creek 17 Feb 93 and Sio River 30 Nov 93 (BWF).

1 Kakamega Forest 15 Apr 95 (R&AB).

White-breasted Cuckoo-shrike *Coracina pectoralis* XR

2 pairs 2 km S of Kamyarkwat (NE Mt Elgon) 24 Sep 93 (MACC, DAT), also 9–10 Oct 93 (JBar, DC, MS).

Piapiac *Ptilostomus afer* B

Ebusanga (on road to Bunyala) 26 Aug 96 (MP, ND).

Shelley's Starling *Lamprotornis shelleyi* XR

6 Tsavo East NP (Ndara) 17 Oct 93 (JB).

Abbott's Starling *Cinnyricinclus femoralis* XR

Small groups recorded Kieni Forest Jun 92, Oct 96 and Jul 96; 2 Gatamayu 26 Dec 95 (LL, KC, LB).

Sharpe's Starling *Cinnyricinclus sharpii*

L: up to 3 Chawia Forest, Taita Hills, late Jul 96 (THP).

Magpie Starling *Speculipastor bicolor* X

L: c. 6 Rongai 6 Mar 94 (MACC).

Western Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes longuemarei* XR

1 Kipsain (Sirikwa) 19 Jul and 22 Aug 96 (JE, MP, ND)—the only records received.

Eastern Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes orientalis*

L: a ♂ Rongai 7 Mar, and a ♀ 28 Mar 94 (MACC).

Uluguru Violet-backed Sunbird *Anthreptes neglectus*

L: Buda Forest Reserve, Kwale 29 Aug 93 (EW, LAB).

A ♀ Kitere Forest, Tana River, 19 Feb 94 and a pair there 8 Jun 94 (TMB).

Olive Sunbird *Nectarinia olivacea*

L: 3 ringed Ngulia Lodge 29 Nov 94, 4 Dec 94 and 5 Dec 94 (NRG) were new for the site.

Eastern Double-collared Sunbird *Nectarinia mediocris*

A: 4 ♂♂ Samburu Lodge 22 Oct 93 (TS).

Violet-breasted Sunbird *Nectarinia chalcomelas* XR

Karawa : 6+ 17 Jan 92 (DAT, DAZ) and 1, 19 Apr 92 (JHF, TS).

Shining Sunbird *Nectarinia habessinica* X

L: c. 8 Samburu Lodge 22 Oct 93 (TS); single ♂♂ Samburu Serena Jun and Oct 93, 3 ♂♂ and 1 ♀ there 23 Nov 93 (BWF).

Golden-winged Sunbird *Nectarinia reichenowi*

LA: ♀ ringed Ngulia Lodge 3 Dec 94 (NRG) was the first for the site.

Superb Sunbird *Nectarinia superba* B

2 ♂♂ Adingosi River 14 Jul 93 (BWF); 1 Alupe 9 Oct 93 (DKR).

House Sparrow *Passer domesticus* X

L: first reported Nairobi Jan–Feb 93, and thriving in many parts of city by 96; present Magadi township 93 (BWF); abundant on estates east of Thika town by 94 (BWF).

White-headed Buffalo-Weaver *Dinemellia dinemelli*

L: 1 Mara GR 11 Nov 93 (DKR).

Black-billed Weaver *Ploceus melanogaster*

L: 1 The Ark, Aberdare NP Nov–Dec 92 (IH); 3 Eburru Hills Forest 30 Jan 94 (JB).

Jackson's Golden-backed Weaver *Ploceus jacksoni*

L: Tsavo Safari Camp 3 Jan 92 (JB).

Heuglin's Masked Weaver *Ploceus heuglini* X

L: several Ruma NP 29 Apr 92 (MACC, MWW, BW).

Northern Masked Weaver *Ploceus taeniopterus*

L: c. 30 Mogotio 17 Jun 92 (TS).

Clarke's Weaver *Ploceus golandi*

L: 200+ (inc juveniles) Marafa Forest 18–19 Jul 94 (DAT, DN).

In *Brachystegia* woodland N of Sabaki River, 14–17 Nov 95 (TMB, DN, CDS).

N: flocks of 300–400 Arabuko-Sokoke Forest forest 30 Jul–1 Aug 96 (JE)—unusually large numbers.

Red-headed Quelea *Quelea erythrops*

N: 60+ Kisumu 10 Jun 92 (DAT).

50+ Kisumu 18 Feb, c. 100 15 Jul; 6 Sio River 30 Nov 93 (BWF).

Southern Red Bishop *Euplectes orix*

L: 2 ♂♂, 3 ♀♀ Lake Naivasha 14 Mar 93 (R&AB).

Northern Red Bishop *Euplectes franciscanus*

L: 1 (breeding plumage) Mogotio 17 Jun 92 (TS).

Orange-winged Pytilia *Pytilia afra* B

Pair Kanyakwat (NE Mt Elgon) early Apr 94 (BWF).

Pair Langata, Nairobi, 17 Nov 96 (FN *et al.*).

Red-headed Bluebill *Spermophaga ruficapilla*

L: Chemorogok Forest, Eldama Ravine, 25 Oct–3 Nov 95 (EW, PGG, TI).

Jameson's Firefinch *Lagonosticta rhodopareia*

L: 2 pairs Kongelai 23 Sep 93 (DAT, MACC).

Locust-Finch *Ortygospiza locustella* B

2 Madende Creek 14 Jul 93 (BWF) and a ♂ there 30 Nov (BWF).

Steel-blue Whydah *Vidua hypocherina*

L: 1 in the Rift Valley near Suswa 13 Jun 92 (RB, AB).

Present Koru Apr–Jun 96 (NW).

Streaky-headed Seed-eater *Serinus (gularis) elgonensis* A

2 near Kapenguria 23 Sep 93 (DAT, MACC).

Stripe-breasted Seed-eater *Serinus (reichardi) striatipectus* XR

Several Kongalai 24 Apr 92 (MWW).

7 feeding on sorghum Timau 7 Jul 93 and 1 there 25 Oct 94 (BWF).

3 near Kabarnet 19 Jan 95 (DF).

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